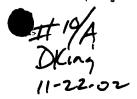


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated 14 August 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please CANCEL claim 23 without prejudice.

Please replace the indicated claims with the following corrected versions:

(Amended) A method for selectively removing at least one coating from the surface of a substrate, comprising the step of contacting the coating with an aqueous composition which comprises all acid having the formula HxAF6, or precursors to said acid, wherein A is selected from the group consisting of Si, Ge, Ti, Zr, Al, and Ga; wherein x is 1-6; and wherein contacting said coating further comprises contacting at least one of a diffusion coating and an overlay coating.

(Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the diffusion coating comprises an aluminide 24. material.

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